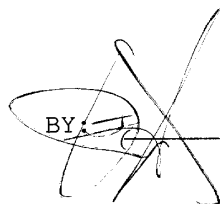




FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY: 

1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 20 (house committee report) by adding  
2 the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering  
3 subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION \_\_\_\_ Subchapter C, Chapter 2003, Government Code, is  
5 amended by adding Section 2003.0495 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 2003.0495. CERTAIN GAS UTILITY RATEMAKING HEARINGS.

7 (a) In this section, "railroad commission" means the Railroad  
8 Commission of Texas.

9 (b) The railroad commission shall contract with the office  
10 to have the utility division perform contested case hearings for  
11 contested cases related to ratemaking proceedings involving  
12 municipal gas utility matters.

13 (c) For the purposes of the contract required by this  
14 section, the railroad commission shall develop and execute a  
15 statement of work to initiate services under the contract, as  
16 defined by Section 2157.0685, and is subject the requirements of  
17 that section.

18 (d) The office shall conduct all contested case hearings  
19 governed by any railroad commission rule that:

20 (1) is related to ratemaking procedures;

21 (2) was proposed by the railroad commission after  
22 January 1, 2014; and

23 (3) becomes effective on or after September 1, 2015.

24 (e) This section does not affect the jurisdiction or  
25 authority of the railroad commission in relation to a contested  
26 case hearing that is not subject to any rule described by  
27 Subsection (d), including a rule governing ratemaking

1 proceedings, discovery limitations, alignment of parties,  
2 reimbursement of a municipality's reasonable cost of  
3 participating in ratemaking proceedings, or collection of rate  
4 case expenses from ratepayers of gas utilities.

5 (f) The railroad commission by rule shall require the gas  
6 utility that is a party to a proceeding under this section to  
7 reimburse the governing body of the municipality for the  
8 reasonable costs associated with the contested case as provided  
9 by Section 103.022, Utilities Code.

10 (g) The comptroller, in conjunction with the office of the  
11 governor, shall evaluate the benefits of consolidating all  
12 contested utility matters within the office. The comptroller  
13 shall report these findings in the report required under Section  
14 403.03057.